

# Update: Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-East of Newport



***Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz***

***Newport, De.*** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into a fatal crash that occurred east of Newport earlier today.

The incident occurred around 2:56 p.m. Thursday, December 15, 2016, as Edward Kowalski, 80 of Wilmington, was operating a 2011 Ford Escape eastbound on East Newport Pike (Rt. 4) approaching Fallon Avenue. For unknown reasons the Ford Escape veered right onto the shoulder and struck the curb on the south side of Rt. 4 and then drove off the roadway. The vehicle continued in a southeast direction traveling across a sidewalk and struck a tree with the front end of the vehicle and came to rest at the point of impact.

Edward Kowalski, the operator of the vehicle and sole

occupant, was properly restrained. He was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the collision. It is unknown if the collision occurred was because of a medical event.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. East Newport Road in the area of the crash was closed in both directions for approximately 45 minutes while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers Investigating a Fatal Crash East of Newport**

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***Newport, De.*** – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a fatal crash involving a single vehicle on East Newport Pike in the area of Fallon Road that occurred around 2:56 p.m. this afternoon, Thursday, December 15, 2016. One person has died as a result of this crash.

East Newport Road in the area of the crash was closed in both directions for approximately 45 minutes for emergency vehicles. Commuters are advised to use caution and if possible seek alternate routes of travel.

**Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.**

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